ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 8, 1842.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 5, 1842.

The Committee chosen to reckon with Jacob A. Wright, Treasurer for the years 1841 and 1842, submit the following

REPORT.

The receipts by the Treasurer have been as follows:

1841.

Military money received from the State	$165 00
Cash received of L. Prescott, Collector for 1840, in part,	504 00
" for the Plymouth land	49 00
" " blanks sold	34
" " taxes paid up to Oct. 2, 1841	2,073 21
" " " " " Dec. 2, 1841	780 31
" of E. Hutchins. Jr., Collector in 1839, in full	14 70
" " " " 1841, in part	214 75
" " the State, bounty on wheat	9 90
" being money borrowed during the year	1,618 56
Amounting to	$5,429 77

And he has paid out the following sums, to wit:

Cash on notes against the Town	$1,891 20
" for the County tax for 1841	365 95
Discount on taxes up to Oct. 2, 1841	103 20
" " Dec. 2, 1841	23 17
Cash paid on orders for which he has shown correct vouchers	2,899 20
Balance due the Town at this date	146 96
Amounting to	$5,429 77

The resources of the Town are estimated as follows:

Amount due from Luther Prescott, Collector for 1840	$570 47	
Deduct abatement and collection of taxes	70 47	
		500 00
Amount due from E. Hutchins, Jr., Collector for 1841	$982 79	
Deduct abatement and collection of taxes	66 79	
		916 00
David P. Lawrence's note and interest		29 50
Military money due from the State		130 00
Balance due from Treasurer on settlement		146 96
Amounting to		$1,722 46

Claims against the Town:		
Notes on interest due from the Town to this time.....		$3,800 99
Outstanding orders.....		129 88
Outstanding claims estimated at		271 12
Amounting to.....		$4,201 99
Deduct estimated resources.....		1,722 46
Leaving a balance against the Town amounting to		$2,479 53

The liabilities of the Town are $1,249.17 less this year than the last.

JOHN B. FLETCHER,
JOHN W. P. ABBOT,
ELIAKIM HUTCHINS, Jr.,
Committee.

JACOB A. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Abel Fletcher, breaking out roads in 1840, 20 hours....			$2 50
" " 1841, 10 hours....			1 50
E. Hutchins, Jr., " " " 25 hours....			3 12
Reuben Wright, work on the roads in 1840..	$13 25		
use of stone tools.....	81		
plank for Harlow's bridge..	75		
repairing said bridge.....	1 00		
putting up railing at Drake's bridge.....	2 00		
breaking out roads in 1841, 22 hours.....	2 75		
			20 56
Peter C. Edwards, breaking out roads in 1840 and 1841, 46 hours.....			5 75
Amos Day, breaking out roads in 1841, 17 hours.....			2 12
J. J. Carter, putting up 70 ft. railing in swamp,	$1 25		
breaking out roads, 18 hours....	2 25		
			3 50
Jos. Richardson, breaking out roads, 12 hours.....			1 50
David P. Lawrence, building a new piece of road near Bela Wright's, in 1839.....			45 00
S. N. Burbeck, breaking out roads, 16 hours.....			2 00
Ephraim Wright, repairing road, 18 hours.....			2 50
Amount carried forward.....			$90 05

Amount brought forward.....		$90 05
Oliver Woodward, 2 days' work on roads...	2 00	
22 h'rs breaking out roads,	2 20	
3 days' work by Tenney, and oxen 2 days.....	3 34	
Tenney, breaki'g out roads 28 hours.....	2 80	
T. Smith and oxen breaking out roads, 4 hours,	44	
6 hours breaking out roads,	60	
		11 38
Bela Wright, 40 hours breaking out roads.....		5 00
Gilbert Farmer, building stone bridge near Asa Wright's,		14 00
Asia Nutting, building stone bridge near T. Blodget's.....	$ 17 13	
building stone bridge at the Forge.....	119 00	
		136 13
Imla Keyes, 24 hours breaking out roads.....		3 00
Othiel Fletcher, 30 hours breaking out roads.....		3 75
S. & S. D. Fletcher, 2 lbs. powder, delivered Wm. Laws.....	26	
2 lbs. powder, delivered O. Coolidge.....	26	
		52
Jacob Blodgett, 13 hours work, self, 2 men, and 4 oxen, breaking out roads.....		1 62
Amos Hildreth, 2d, 8 hours breaking out roads, in 1840.....	$1 00	
4 do. in 1841.....	50	
8 do. in 1841.....	1 00	
		2 50
J. W. P. Abbot, N. S. Hamblin, blowing stone $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, days, board, and tools..	$3 90	
Thos. Davis, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days' work,	2 75	
Ira Leland and team.....	2 50	
		9 15
S. & S. D. Fletcher, $9\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. powder, delivered J. W. P. Abbot.....		1 24
Gilbert Farmer, iron for guide-post.....	$ 62	
labor.....	1 00	
		1 62
Isaac Day, going to poor house for stone-post and setting same at D. Flagg's.....		1 00
Amount carried forward.....		$280 96

Amount brought forward.....		$280 96
Levi Haywood, services as Committee to let out bridge at T. Blodgett's,	$3 00	
2½ days' time with County Commissioners on road petitioned for by L. Prescott *et al*.....	3 00	
	——	6 00
L. Huntress, printing adver'ts to let out bridge.....		1 00
W. Schouler, " " " "		1 00
Jacob A. Wright, 10 lbs. powder.....		1 50
Levi T. Fletcher, breaking out roads 24 hours.....		3 00
Jonas Prescott, superintending building of bridge at Forge		2 00
		$295 46

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1841.....			$800 00
School District No. 1.....	$163 80		
No. 2.....	126 10		
No. 3.....	67 60		
No. 4.....	75 40		
No. 5.....	84 50		
No. 6.....	79 30		
No. 7.....	66 30		
No. 8.....	74 10		
No. 9.....	63 70		
		——	800 80
Excess			80

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

E. Hutchins, Jr., collecting $1,094.32 at 2 per cent. for 1839.....	$21 88
Joshua Whidden, for tax in 1839, in part.....	1 69
H. A. Prescott, " 1841, error.....	3 24
Imla Keyes, " " "	35
Joshua Whidden, " " "	1 08
	$28 24

TOWN OFFICERS.

Zaccheus Read, Jr., 12 days' taking invoice and making taxes	$12 00
John Cutter, for same	12 00
Jonas Prescott, for same	12 00
J. W. P. Abbot, Town Clerk	12 00
Jacob A. Wright, Town Treasurer and Receiver	24 00
Zaccheus Read, Jr., Selectman	5 00
John Cutter, "	5 00
Jonas Prescott, "	5 00
	$87 00

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Ezra Carter, 1 year's interest, due Jan. 13, 1841	$ 5 40
Caleb Wright, 1 year's interest	12 00
Sarah Richardson, 1 " "	6 00
Jonathan Prescott, 1 " "	12 00
Jona. F. Parker, 1 " "	3 60
Parazina Heyden, 1 " "	8 22
H. A. Prescott, 1 " "	3 60
John Abbot, 1 " "	6 00
E. C. Kneeland, 1 " "	6 00
Henry Fletcher, 1 " "	12 00
Abram Prescott, 1 " "	8 40
John Hildreth, 1 " "	6 00
John B. Fletcher, 1 " "	30 00
Jona. F. Parker, 1 " "	3 60
Joseph Fletcher, all interest due to April 19, 1841	17 26
Lucy W. Davis, 1 year's interest	12 00
Ezra Carter, 1 " "	5 40
	$157 48

POOR.

Gilbert Farmer, Master of poor house from Sept. 16, 1839, to April 1, 1840		$135 42
1 year's labor at poor house, ending April 1, 1841		250 00
Horatio Fletcher, 12 bushels rye		10 10
Otis Longley, 2 days' work at poor house, self, man, and apprentice	$6 33	
2 window frames aud sashes	2 67	
painting sashes and glazing	63	
		9 63
Amount carried forward		$405 15

Amount brought forward		$207 37
First Parish, use of meetinghouse to March 1, 1842		12 00
George E. Burt, for a hearse, runners, and bier		115 00
Hosea Robbins, room and lights	$4 00	
8 suppers	2 00	
		6 00
Zaccheus Read, Jr., making out this report		6 00
		$346 37

ZACCHEUS READ, JR.,
JOHN CUTTER,
JONAS PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Feb. 8, 1842.

RECAPITULATION.

Roads and Bridges	$295 46
Schools	800 80
Abatement of Taxes, etc	28 24
Town Officers	87 00
Interest on Notes	157 48
Poor	723 33
Incidental Expenses	346 37
	$2,438 68

The Overseers of the Poor make the following Report to the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, concerning the maintenance and support of their Poor for 1841, to wit:

Amount of personal property on hand at the poor house, excluding household furniture, on the 9th day of February, 1841, as by appraisal.....	$1,149 03	
Cash received by the Master.....	216 38	
Cash drawn from the treasury.....	332 91	
Amounting to.....		$1,698 32
Personal property on hand Feb. 2, 1842, excluding furniture.....	$895 68	
Cash paid out by Master, for which proper vouchers have been shown.	216 38	
Claims hereafter named paid with money drawn from the treasury.....	332 91	
		1,444 97
Leaving a balance of.....		$253 35
Add Master's compensation, due April 1, 1842.....		250 00
		$503 35
Add interest of poor farm one year.....		300 00
Amounting to.....		$803 35

Which is the whole expense of the Poor, both in and out of the poor house.

The following are the bills paid with cash drawn from the treasury:

Otis Longley, see Selectmen's report.....		$ 9 63
Horatio Fletcher, " ".....		10 10
City of Boston, for James and Francis Kemp, committed to House of Correction.....		52 11
Judith Bennett and Maria Raymond.....		10 50
S. Greenleaf, for advice, etc.....		5 00
Benj. Adams, 2½ lbs. shells.....	28	
14 lbs. tea.....	9 47	
cocoa, rice, cassia, plates.....	2 82	
16 lbs. sugar.....	1 36	
66 lbs. cheese.....	5 15	
3 bbls. flour.....	17 13	
70 lbs. dry fish.....	1 40	
89¾ yds. sheeting.....	8 59	
6 bushels salt.....	2 64	
4 lbs. coffee.....	50	
	$48 89	
Credit.....	2 33	
		46 56
Amount carried forward.....		$133 90

Amount brought forward			$133 90
S. & S. D. Fletcher, 41½ lbs. tobacco		$ 5 98	
smoking "		52	
grass seed		11 98	
16 lbs. tea		8 77	
51¾ lbs. shells		6 68	
73½ lbs. cheese		3 72	
14 lbs. nails		91	
1 shovel		75	
32 galls. molasses		6 40	
6 qts. N. E. rum,		42	
93½ yds. sheeting		8 61	
44¾ yds. calico		5 75	
5½ yds. cambric		1 48	
3½ yds. satinet		2 17	
14 yds. frocking		3 50	
8½ yds. sheep's grey		7 44	
10 lbs. sugar		85	
11 lbs. raisins		40	
other small articles		13 57	
			91 34
S. N. Burbeck, 4 tons plaster			23 00
Isaac Day, digging 3 graves		$ 3 17	
articles delivered to Patty Dutton,		16 37	
going to Boston to settle claims		5 00	
going to Concord to settle with J. Parker.		2 50	
Levi Heywood's services as overseer		5 75	
cash paid Gilbert Farmer		8 47	
included in orders to Levi Heywood			41 26
Bela Wright, pasturing cattle		$21 66	
driving cattle		2 00	
overseer		5 00	
cash paid for grinding plaster,		4 00	
1 bedstead		25	
			32 91
Levi T. Fletcher, 6 shoats		$10 50	
overseer		5 00	
			15 50
			$337 91

LEVI HEYWOOD,
BELA WRIGHT,
LEVI T. FLETCHER,
Overseers of the Poor.

Westford, Feb. 2, 1842.